(b) whether certain changes are proposed to be brought about in these paramenters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) NRSA acquires Remote Sensing data and adds value to it either in houses or with the participation of user agencies including private industries for their absorption, adoption and appropriate adaptations at the user end through constant interaction and seamless integration with the products and services of the user agencies. It does involve capacity transfer rather than technology transfer, which is a continuous process.

Development of Science Cities

165. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the scheme to develop some places in the form of science cities in the country is going on;

(b) if so, the places along with the State where the work is going on this scheme; and

(c) whether there is any scheme to set up and develop science cities in Roorkie, Dehradun and Nainital in Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India facilitates the setting up Science Cities on the basis of proposals received from agencies including the State Governments, after examining the merits of the project proposals. At present work on setting up of Science Cities is going on in Kapurthala (Punjab) and Ahmedabad (Gujarat). The Regional Science Center at Lucknow is being upgraded into a Science City.

(c) No, Sir.